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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 8

Introduced by Senator Battin

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8—Relative to Child Abuse Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 8, as amended, Battin. Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This measure would acknowledge the month of April 2007 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourage the people of the State of California to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect continue to pose a serious
- 2 threat to our nation's children; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1996, more than 3,000,000 children were
2 reported to child protective agencies in the United States as having
3 suffered abuse and neglect; and

4 WHEREAS, It is estimated that for every three dollars (\$3)
5 spent on the prevention of child abuse and neglect, at least six
6 dollars (\$6) are saved that might be spent on child welfare services,
7 special education services, medical care, foster care, counseling,
8 and the housing of juvenile offenders; and

9 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a community problem
10 and finding solutions depends on the involvement of people
11 throughout the community; and

12 WHEREAS, The first organized statewide Blue Ribbon
13 Campaign was originated in Norfolk, Virginia, by the grandmother
14 of Bubba Dickinson, a child who was murdered by his mother's
15 abusive boyfriend; and

16 WHEREAS, In recent years, the National Committee to Prevent
17 Child Abuse, the California chapter and other local affiliates,
18 United States military bases, and other groups have organized Blue
19 Ribbon Campaigns to increase public awareness of child abuse
20 and to promote ways to prevent child abuse; and

21 WHEREAS, The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse,
22 in all its forms, has proclaimed April as National Child Abuse
23 Prevention Month; and

24 WHEREAS, Blue ribbons are displayed to increase awareness
25 of child abuse and as a strategy for Child Abuse Prevention Month;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, This year's campaign is entitled "Protecting
28 Children Promoting Healthy Families and Preserving
29 Communities"; and

30 WHEREAS, The flexibility of this program offers numerous
31 opportunities to be innovative and to create partnerships within
32 business, professional, and community organizations; now,
33 therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does hereby acknowledge
36 the month of April 2007 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and
37 encourage the people of the State of California to work together
38 to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their
39 communities and schools during that month and throughout the
40 year; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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